

Montana Big Sky Pathway Secondary Participation Guidance

In order to help Montana's High Schools develop/improve/expand their Big Sky Pathway(s) the Office of Public Instruction and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education will be funding the participation for all schools to send at least one content-specific teacher and one counselor to attend a regional workgroup. These regional workgroup will work on horizontal and vertical alignment of identified Big Sky Pathways. There will be funding capacity to develop at least seven Big Sky Pathways, and we hope you take advantage of this opportunity to work with the Post Secondary Institutions to ensure your Pathway(s) lead to a post secondary program. As a recipient of Perkins funding, you know that you are required to have at least one Big Sky Pathway developed. In 2010-2011, we will be requiring a signed assurance from you and a two-year college partner that this work has been completed (see attachment). Pathways to address all the requirements of a signed assurance can be built through your schools participation in the Big Sky Pathway regional workgroups.

How It Will Work

1. Two-year colleges have identified the Big Sky Pathways that they will work with high schools to develop. A lead college faculty member will coordinate the two required meetings.
2. High schools will identify by **June 15** the Big Sky Pathways and college partner(s) they wish to work with next year. *Please note that you do not have to work with the same college partner for every Big Sky Pathway you choose.* To keep travel costs down, we ask you to choose the college partner(s) that is geographically closest to you for each selected Big Sky Pathway.
3. In August/September the high schools will receive a communication from their college partner about the training schedule. High schools are to send **at least** one content-specific teacher and guidance counselor to two meetings (other counselors and administrators are welcome). High schools will be reimbursed for substitute costs and travel costs (mileage, per diem and hotel if needed).
4. Training will be conducted to create Pathways that adhere to all the identified requirements of an approvable Big Sky Pathway (see attachment).
5. Schools not wishing to participate will be required to submit their self created Pathway(s) and Post Secondary programs in the same manner, i.e.: by demonstrating that their Pathway(s) fulfill all the required assurances for OPI Approval as per Attachment.

Outline of Two Required Meetings

Meeting One (all day):

- Overview of Big Sky Pathways and required assurances
- How to craft a Big Sky Pathway for your high school
- The role of the college in crafting a Big Sky Pathway for your high school
- Content Standards, Knowledge and Skill Statements, and Industry Standards
- Role of Advisory Committee
- Web-based guidance delivery system (MCIS)
- Postsecondary credit opportunities—dual credit, articulation, online, etc.
- Dialogue between secondary teachers and post-secondary faculty

High school teacher/counselor homework:

Work with appropriate administration, faculty and local program advisory committee for input and bring a draft of BSP to next meeting.

Meeting Two—at least two weeks after Meeting One (all day):

- Peer review of proposed Big Sky Pathway draft
- Enter Big Sky Pathway into MCIS
- Submit Request for Big Sky Pathway Approval form
- Submit paperwork for substitute pay and mileage reimbursement from college

BIG SKY PATHWAYS (PLEASE CHOOSE UP TO SEVEN)

Please include the name of the teacher contact for each chosen Big Sky Pathway

Name of School _____

Person Submitting Report _____

AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCES (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ Dawson CC--Ag Business and Ag Mechanics

___ FVCC--Natural Resources

___ MSU-Great Falls COT--Sustainable Energy Technical

___ MSU-Northern--Ag Mechanics

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ FVCC—Construction

___ MSU-Billings COT--Construction

___ MSU-Great Falls COT—Construction

___ MSU-GF COT @ Bozeman—Design Drafting

___ MSU-Northern—CAD/CAM and Design Drafting

___ MT Tech COT—Construction

___ UM-Helena COT—Construction

___ UM-Missoula COT—Construction

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

ARTS, A/V TECH AND COMMUNICATIONS (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ Dawson CC—Music Technology

___ MSU-Great Falls COT—Interior Design

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ Dawson CC—Management and Administrative Support

___ FVCC—Management

___ MSU-Billings COT—Administration and Administrative Support

___ MSU-Great Falls COT—Management

___ MSU-Northern—Business Administration

___ MT Tech COT—Administrative Support

___ UM-Helena COT—Administrative Support

___ UM-Missoula COT—Management and Administrative Support

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ Dawson CC—Early Childhood Education

___ FVCC—Early Childhood Education

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

FINANCE (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ FVCC—Accounting

___ MSU-Billings COT--Accounting

___ MSU-Great Falls COT--Accounting

___ MT Tech COT--Accounting

___ UM-Helena COT—Accounting

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

HEALTH SCIENCE (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ FVCC—Nursing, Medical Assistant, Radiology Tech, Surgical Tech

___ MSU-Billings COT—Nursing, Medical Asst, Radiology Tech, Surgical Tech

___ MSU-Great Falls COT-- Nursing, Medical Asst, Physical Therapy Asst, Radiology Tech, Respiratory Care, Surgical Tech

___ MT Tech COT—Nursing, Medical Assistant, Radiology Tech, Surgical Tech

___ UM-Missoula COT-- Nursing, Medical Assistant, Radiology Tech, Respiratory Care, Surgical Tech

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

___ UM-Missoula COT—Culinary Arts

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

HUMAN SERVICES

___ FVCC—Human Services

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ FVCC—Information Support

___ MSU-Billings COT—Network Systems

___ MSU-Great Falls COT—Network Systems and Web Design

___ MSU-Northern—Information Support

___ MT Tech COT—Network Systems and Web Administration

___ UM-Helena COT—Information Support

___ UM-Missoula COT—Information Support

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

MANUFACTURING (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ Dawson CC—Welding Tech

___ FVCC—Welding Tech

___ MSU-Billings COT—Welding Tech

___ MSU-Great Falls COT—Welding Tech

___ MSU-Northern—Welding Tech and Industrial Tech

___ MT Tech COT—Metals Fabrication and Welding Tech

___ UM-Helena COT—Welding Tech and Machining

___ UM-Missoula COT—Welding Tech

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

MARKETING SALES AND SERVICE:

___ UM-Missoula COT—Marketing Management

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ DCC—Engineering Tech

___ MSU-Northern—Civil Engineering

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND LOGISTICS (You may choose NO MORE than one from this category):

___ MSU-Billings COT—Auto Collision, Auto Tech, Diesel

___ MSU-Great Falls COT—Auto Collision

___ MSU-Great Falls COT @ Bozeman—Aviation

___ MSU-Northern—Auto Collision, Auto Tech, Diesel

___ MT Tech COT—Auto Tech

Name of the High School Teacher contact: _____

___ **Our School does not wish to participate in the Big Sky Pathway Training.**

SUBMIT TO OPI via FAX @ 406-444-1373 or EMAIL to mgregory2@mt.gov

BY JUNE 15, 2010

All questions about submittals please contact Mary Ann Gregory at 444-9076.

All questions about the Big Sky Pathways Guidance please contact your Content Area Specialist.